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HAROLD E. EISENBERG FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 CANCER RESEARCH SCHOLAR

Dr. Sui Huang to study new liver cancer treatment with Eisenberg award

CHICAGO — The Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation (HEEF) is thrilled to announce its 2018-2019 Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer Research Scholar, Dr. Sui Huang, MD, PhD, associate professor of Cell and Molecular Biology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. The \$50,000 award from the Foundation will help Dr. Huang research a new treatment for liver cancer, the third leading cause of death from cancer worldwide. Liver cancer is extremely resistant to chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Dr. Huang will explore a new treatment, a molecule commonly known as “MEAN,” that has the potential to be more effective than other methods. The grant will serve as seed money to support Dr. Huang’s research and lead to further funding and publication.

“I feel extremely privileged and honored that the Foundation chose my project,” Dr. Huang said. “With their support, my colleagues and I will further explore the possibility of a new treatment option for cancer.”

Dr. Huang is the third recipient of this award, which was designed in 2016 to give scientists the necessary resources and time needed to ask novel research questions and explore new ideas related to GI cancers. Last year the Foundation named Ronen Sumagin, PhD, as the 2017-2018 Scholar, providing seed money for his research into the relationship between inflammation and colorectal cancer. Dr. Sumagin has now received a grant for over \$700,000 through 2021 from the American Cancer Society to continue his research.

“The Foundation is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those touched by GI cancer,” said Katie Wales, HEEF Executive Director. “Through our Research Scholar Award, we are able to support ground-breaking research that has the potential to change the way cancer is understood and treated. We are excited to support Dr. Huang as she continues her research and look forward to her discoveries.”

HEEF works in partnership with the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, aiming to raise awareness and funds to advance life-saving cancer medicine. Since 2001, HEEF has committed over \$3 million to advancing GI cancer research and patient care.

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